



# License Agent News



California Department of Fish & Game  
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## 2006/2007 WATERFOWL HUNTING ITEMS

A HUNTING LICENSE is required to take any birds or mammals, except as otherwise provided by the Fish and Game Code.

### LICENSES

Valid July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

Resident.....	\$34.90
Junior.....	9.20
Nonresident.....	121.55
Two-Day Nonresident.....	34.90
Duplicate (annual licenses only).....	7.90

### RESERVATION APPLICATIONS

One-Choice.....	\$1.30
Five-Choice.....	6.55

### STAMPS

California Duck.....	\$14.95
Upland Game Bird.....	7.10

### PASSES

Type A Season Pass.....	\$117.85
Type B.....	39.10
Type A Two-Day Pass.....	25.45

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**VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT:**  
[www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/index.html)

**CalTIP**  
Report Poaching and Polluting Incidents  
(888) DFG-CALTIP or (888) 334-2258



## 2006/2007 INITIAL ORDER OF WATERFOWL ITEMS

### Consignment Accounts

Your initial order of waterfowl hunting items will be shipped in August 2006. Your consignment of 2006/2007 waterfowl hunting items is based on your reported sales for the 2005/2006 license year.

### Collect on Delivery (COD) Accounts

Enclosed is a license agent order form to order your 2006/2007 waterfowl items. You may submit your order at anytime; however, 2006/2007 waterfowl items will not be shipped until mid-August 2006.

### Check your shipment carefully!

If you find a discrepancy in your shipment, write the discrepancy on the shipping report (i.e., missing books, books not listed on the shipping report, defective books) and fax or mail a copy to the License Agent Order Desk within five (5) business days.

**IMPORTANT:** Claims of missing items will only be allowed if they are noted upon receipt and reported to the License Agent Order Desk within five (5) business days.

### Harvest Information Program (HIP) Survey

As a license agent, you are required to ask all hunting license applicants if they plan on hunting migratory game birds (i.e., ducks, band-tail pigeon, brant, coots, dove, gallinules, geese, and snipe) in 2006/2007. If an applicant indicates they may hunt migratory game birds, you must have them complete a HIP form and affix a HIP stamp to the back of the applicant's hunting license. Persons hunting migratory game birds without a HIP stamp affixed to their hunting license may be cited.

### Mailing HIP Forms

Completed HIP forms must be mailed to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) every two weeks (on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of each month) in the envelopes provided by the DFG.

**IMPORTANT:** The envelopes provided must only be used to send your HIP forms to the USFWS. Do NOT use the envelopes to return your sales reports and do NOT use the postage paid envelopes that are mailed directly to the License and Revenue Branch.

**Dove Season Opens September 1**

Dove hunting is very popular in California. Approximately 100,000 hunters pursue dove in California each year. Order hunting licenses and upland game bird stamps immediately, so you will have enough on hand to supply hunters for the dove opener.

**California Duck Stamp and Upland Game Bird Stamp Not Required for Junior Hunters**

Any person hunting under the authority of a Junior Hunting License is not required to purchase a California Duck Stamp or an Upland Game Bird Stamp to hunt waterfowl or upland game birds. A Federal Duck Stamp is required for all persons 16 years of age or older to hunt waterfowl, even if they are hunting under the authority of a Junior Hunting License. (Sections 3682 and 3700, Fish and Game Code)

**2006 Waterfowl, Upland Game Bird & State and Federal Hunting Area Regulations**

On August 25, 2006, the Fish and Game Commission will adopt the 2006/2007 waterfowl hunting season and regulations. Regulation booklets will be distributed to license agents in September. Complete hunting regulations will be available on the Fish and Game Commission’s website at: [www.fgc.ca.gov/html/regs.html](http://www.fgc.ca.gov/html/regs.html)

**Reservation Application Process for 2006/2007**

To ensure that your customers have sufficient time to apply for reservations to hunt on State-operated wildlife areas during the upcoming waterfowl season, please make wildlife area passes and waterfowl reservation applications available to your customers immediately.

All applications to hunt at State-operated wildlife areas must be received at the License and Revenue Branch at least 17 days prior to the shoot date, late applications will be disqualified. Hunters must provide their 2006/2007 hunting license number and their driver’s license or DMV-ID number when filling out applications. Successful applicants will receive a reservation post card which they can take to the wildlife area for admission. Hunters who receive reservations must purchase a Waterfowl Area One-day, Two-day, or Season pass for admittance to the area.

Hunters have three options to choose from when applying for reservations to hunt on State-operated wildlife areas:

- The One-Choice Application (\$1.30)  
Requires hunters to fill out their personal data (name, address, hunting license number and driver’s license number) and then choose any available shoot date and area throughout the 2006/2007 waterfowl season. There is no limit on the number of One-Choice Applications a hunter may purchase and they are available from license agents and DFG license sales offices.
- The Five-Choice Application (\$6.55)  
Allows hunters to enter their personal data only once, while allowing them to apply for five areas on different shoot dates; or five shoot dates for the same area; or any combination thereof. There is no limit on the number of Five-Choice Applications a hunter may purchase and they are available from license agents and DFG license sales offices.
- The Season-Long Application (\$1.25 per hunt)  
Allows hunters who submit numerous applications each year to fill out their personal information just once and apply for every available Saturday, Sunday, and/or Wednesday shoot date throughout the season at any Type A State-operated Wildlife Area. Hunters who participated in the 2004/2005 or 2005/2006 waterfowl reservation drawings will be mailed season-long applications in late August. Additional season-long applications are available from DFG license sales offices and online at: [www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/waterfowl/waterfowl.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/waterfowl/waterfowl.html)

If you or your customers have any questions about the waterfowl drawing system, please contact Mr. Glenn Underwood, Waterfowl Drawing Program Coordinator, at telephone (916) 227-2268, or email [gunderwood@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:gunderwood@dfg.ca.gov).

**Avian Influenza (H5N1) Virus**

Primarily a bird disease in domestic poultry; however, can also infect most other birds both domestic and wild, and to a lesser extent mammals. The virus is causing high mortality in poultry and wild birds in other countries, but has not been found in North America. The DFG is monitoring the movement of wild migratory birds, particularly waterfowl and shorebirds in the Pacific Flyway, for this virus and other diseases that could enter into California by means of migratory birds.

**Reporting Sick or Dead Birds**

- Individual sick or injured birds in the wild should be left untouched where they are found and be reported to the local DFG office and/or wildlife rehabilitation centers. For a list of wildlife rehabilitation centers visit our web site at: [www.dfg.ca.gov/coned/living.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/coned/living.html).
- Dead wild birds numbering four or less should be reported to the West Nile Virus hotline at: (877) 968-2473, or visit the web site: <http://vector.ucdavis.edu/cfm/deadbird.cfm>.
- Groups of sick or dead birds, five or more, should be reported to the nearest local DFG office or 24 hour DFG dispatch at: (888) 334-2258 or (888) DFG-CALTIP.
- Any domestically reared sick or dead birds that have died from disease should be reported to the California Department of Food and Agriculture hotline at: (800) 491-1899 or (909) 947-4462.

Protect yourself while hunting; do not handle birds that are obviously sick, keep your game birds cool, clean, and dry, use rubber gloves when cleaning game, and always wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol wipes after dressing birds. For more information and frequently asked questions regarding Avian Influenza, please visit our web site at: [www.dfg.ca.gov/avianflu/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/avianflu/).

**Automated Licensing Data System (ALDS)**

The DFG has received all required project approvals and clearances to proceed with the ALDS project from the Department of Finance, Department of General Services and the Legislature.

The DFG obtained the Contractor (Outdoor Central) and DFG signatures to execute the ALDS contract on July 12, 2006. The execution of the ALDS Contract effectively ends the Procurement Phase (Phase I) and begins the Design, Development and Deployment Phase (Phase II) of the project.

Given the size, scope and complexity of the ALDS, the design and development of the system will occur over the next 12 months with the ALDS Pilot planned for mid-2007. Once the Pilot is completed and the ALDS is accepted, deployment of the system to qualified license agent locations will begin and is expected to be complete by the end of December 2007. The deployment of ALDS to license agents includes equipment delivery, installation, training and certification that the license agent is ready to sell licenses using ALDS.

For additional information on the ALDS project please visit our web site at: [www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/automatedlicensesystem/introduction.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/automatedlicensesystem/introduction.html), or contact Mr. Richard Reyes, ALDS Project Manager, at (916) 227-2240, or email [reyes@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:reyes@dfg.ca.gov).

**Holiday Schedule for 2006**

Department offices will be closed for the following State holidays, so please plan accordingly:

- September 4, 2006
- October 9, 2006
- November 10, 2006
- November 23, 2006
- November 24, 2006
- December 25, 2006

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR LICENSE SALES EMPLOYEES TO BETTER SERVE YOUR CUSTOMERS.